

Department of Veterans Affairs

AWARD JUSTIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this form to provide the justification for awards as an attachment to VA Form 4659, Recognition of High Level Performance. Check the applicable type(s) of contribution in the first column and briefly describe the accomplishment in the corresponding box in the second column. The narrative statement should clearly describe the specific accomplishment and not merely paraphrase the type of contribution listed in the first column. Include information regarding the benefit of the contribution to the organization. See example below:

TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION	CITE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF EMPLOYEE'S (GROUP'S) EFFORT
Automation, modification or reengineering of work process, practices or procedures	The A team developed an automated system for submission and tracking of xyz work orders. This decreased the average time to deliver the service to our customers from 5 to 3 days.
CHECKLIST FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS	
TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION	CITE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF EMPLOYEE'S (GROUP'S) EFFORT
☐ Unusual Initiative	
Creativity and/or innovation in solving a problem or establishing a new procedure or practice	
Unusual effort in completion of assignment, task or project	
Unexpected benefits (either tangible or intangible) to the organization or beyond from employee's efforts	
☐ Demonstration of a high level of skill and ability in completion of assignment or task	
☐ Demonstration of exceptional teamwork or teambuilding	
Exceptional courtesy or responsiveness to a customer	
Preparation of exceptional written materials	
Automation, modification or reengineering of work processes, practices or procedures	
☐ Other (describe)	
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	